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ATTENTION: APPLICATION BRANCH

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53 (b) as a Continuation-in-Part application of prior application No. 09/371,734, filed on August 10, 1999, the entire content thereof is incorporated herewith by reference.

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07/31/01**Prior application information: Examiner: EATON, KURT M. ; Group Art Unit: 2823**

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied herewith as indicated below, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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**METHOD FOR FORMING SELF-ALIGNED CONTACT**

Enclosed are:

(X) Specification in thirth-three (15) pages.  
(X) Four (4) sheets of drawings.  
( ) Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.  
( ) Declaration and Power of Attorney in 0 pages.  
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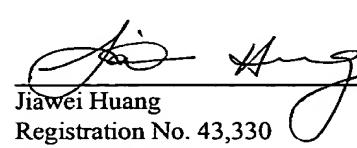
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